

Amendment No. 1 to HB2604

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2215\***

**House Bill No. 2604**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-359, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2) For the 2022-2023 school year, there is included in the BEP an amount of money sufficient to pay three hundred dollars (\$300) for every teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12), in addition to the amount provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(1). This money must be used by teachers for instructional supplies, as determined necessary by the respective teacher. The purpose of these funds is to permit purchase of items of equipment for the benefit and enhancement of the instructional program. The funds cannot be used for basic building needs such as HVAC, carpets, furniture, items or equipment for the teachers' lounge, or the like. Funds that remain unspent at the end of the school year must be pooled at the school level and used to purchase items of equipment for the benefit of all teachers. Pooled funds cannot be used for basic building needs such as HVAC, carpets, furniture, items or equipment for the teachers' lounge, or the like.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.